

# Industry Perspective: Mitigating Strategies (FLEX)

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## **Objective:**

To provide industry perspective on challenges and success towards station blackout and mitigating strategies (i.e., FLEX).



#### **Fundamental Problem Statement:**

Decay heat removal during extended loss AC power (ELAP)

- Solutions needed regardless of initiating event
- Solution must maintain adequate core cooling
- Solution must maintain containment integrity

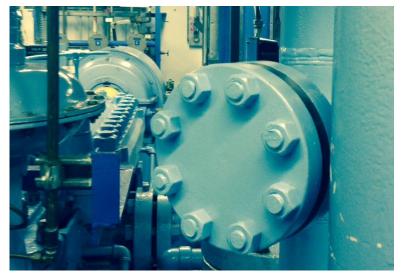
#### **FLEX Solution:**

- Build upon existing strategies to prevent core damage
- Build upon existing knowledge & training base
- Apply industry's continuous learning culture
- Build upon industry's existing margin improvement culture
- Leverage existing industry leadership capability

## **Identify and Solve Weak Links**

- Power & Water
  - Portable backup sources upon existing backup sources
  - Redundancy: onsite, at additional nuclear sites, at National Response Center
  - Numerous plant modifications underway
  - Rigorous defense in depth philosophy

### **Standard Connections**



**Auxiliary Feedwater Connection** 



**River Water Connection** 



**AC Power Quick Connection** 

# Site Portable Equipment

Simplicity in deployment and implementation is key.

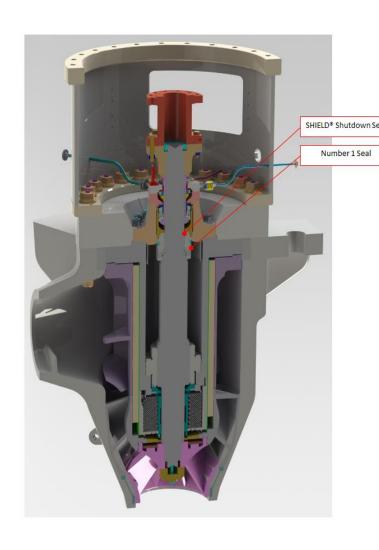




Godwin Pump

480 Volt Generator

## Identify and Solve the Weak Link:



## **RCP Seal Integrity**

- Low leakage seals
  - Flow Serve N9000
  - Westinghouse Gen III
- RCS inventory maintained
- Containment integrity never challenged post ELAP

(ex., BVPS <4.5 psig at t + 7 days)

#### **Substantial Financial Investments**

### Four nuclear units:

36 physical plant modifications

Total estimated cost for modifications \$96 million

Robust storage facilities \$11million

Purchased equipment housed locally \$18 million

Total Investment \$125 million



# Substantial Leadership Investment

- Individual leadership "shaped the outcome" at Fukushima Daini
- US industry leadership has shaped the FLEX strategy
- US industry leadership is committed to the on-time implementation of the FLEX strategy
- Peer-to-Peer industry accountability via INPO

## **Remaining Challenges**

- Fast track modifications
- Competition with plant "reliability" improvements
- Post installation testing of GEN III shutdown seal Spring 2015.